

Dear Mr. Mooring,

As an Amherst resident and taxpayer since 1971, I'm appalled that the town would once again be planning to turn Lincoln Avenue into a private street. I commute to UMass Lot 32 from Echo Hill via Triangle St., North Pleasant St. and Fearing St., using only a small segment of Lincoln Ave., but it is a great convenience to be able to use that small segment. The four-way stop sign at the intersection of Lincoln and Fearing is most appropriate, as is strict enforcement of the speed limit on both of those streets. I can see no justification, however, for inconveniencing many UMass employees, students and visitors to the campus in order to cater to the residents of one street, few if any of whom moved there before the University grew to its present size. I also share the safety concerns expressed by Susan Hugus in her op-ed piece in today's Daily Hampshire Gazette.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Rothstein